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CHAPTER 303

HOUSE BILL 2562

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 41-2115, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona: Section 1. Section 41-2115, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

41-2115. <u>Civil penalties</u>

- A. A person who violates this chapter, any rule of the department or any license requirement is subject to a civil penalty imposed by the director. A person who violates this chapter, any rule of the department or any license requirement may request a hearing to review a civil penalty imposed under this section. The department shall conduct the hearing in accordance with chapter 6, article 10 of this title. Except as prescribed in subsection B of this section, the civil penalty shall not exceed five hundred dollars for each infraction nor more than five thousand dollars for any thirty day period at each business location, for each registered service representative or for each public weighmaster, provided that no person shall be assessed more than fifty thousand dollars per thirty day period.
- B. The director may double the maximum civil penalty if any of the following apply APPLIES:
- 1. A commercial device is found to be in violation with results that favor the retailer at more than twice the allowable tolerance as stated in national institute of standards and technology handbook 44.
- 2. A package is found to exceed the maximum allowable variation for the labeled quantity allowed in national institute of standards and technology handbook 133 or the average error of the lot is twice the sample error limit in favor of the retailer.
- 3. A stage II vapor recovery system reinspection fails the required tests.
- 4. A maximum civil penalty has been imposed on a retailer for a price posting or price verification violation and in a reinspection, if conducted within ninety days, the failure rate is ten per cent or more and at least one error is in favor of the retailer.
- 5. A MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY HAS BEEN IMPOSED ON A REFINER, REFINERY, REGISTERED SUPPLIER OR TRANSMIX PROCESSING FACILITY FOR A VIOLATION OF MOTOR FUEL QUALITY STANDARDS OR PRODUCING A PRODUCT TRANSFER DOCUMENT THAT IS INCORRECT, INCOMPLETE OR PRODUCED IN ANY MANNER TENDING TO MISLEAD OR DECEIVE A PERSON.
- C. The attorney general shall bring actions to recover civil penalties pursuant to this section in the superior court in the county in which the violation occurred or in a county where the agency has its office. All monies derived from civil penalties shall be deposited, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, in the state general fund.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 30, 2006.

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